

REGION 8 WEEKLY REPORT – August 9, 2018

Hot Issues –

Bonita Peak Mining District NPL site. On the morning of August 8, BLM provided their concurrence to proceed with work initiated in September 2017 to restore original site conditions at the entrance to the American Tunnel and provide access for inspection of the bulkhead. Ensuring access to the bulkhead was critical to a reconnaissance visit organized by BLM with Sunnyside Gold for August 9, 2018, in preparation for work to be conducted under a UAO.

PFAS Community Engagement event in Colorado Springs, CO on August 7 and 8, 2018 EPA heard a variety of concerns and recommendations for addressing PFAS contamination issues from state and local agencies, water utilities and the public during the event. Approximately 200 people attended the first day, with about 140 on the second day. On the first day, EPA heard from a panel of 8 people representing the state, county, four water utilities and two community groups, as well as 25 people who spoke at the open listening session. On the second day, a roundtable of 12 organizations provided information and recommendations to EPA on the issues of Identifying PFAS, Communicating about PFAS, and Solutions to PFAS.

Upcoming Decisions/Events – None